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Prof. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Prof. Lederberg,

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I am writing to thank you for your consent to join the Board of Directors of the American Foundation for Basic Research in Israel.

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As Alex Keynan told you - this is a foundation designed to transfer major grants given by US donors for the Basic Research Foundation (BRF) of the "Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities", from the U.S. to Israel. This foundation will not deal with public fund raising.

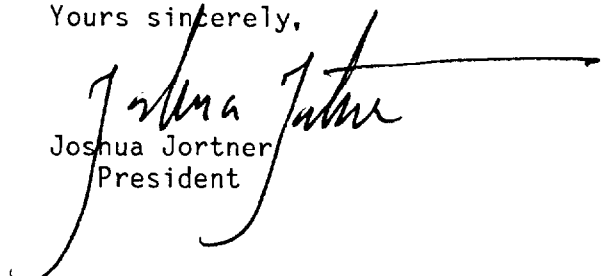
Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance in presenting the case for the support of basic research in Israel so effectively. We will report to you periodically on the state of the foundation.

I understand that you will be in Tel-Aviv in mid-May and would be honored if you could find time during your visit to have lunch or dinner with me in Jerusalem.

Thanking you again for your help.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,


Joshua Jortner
President

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